

July 11, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Public Safety Committee

VIA: Gary Jackson, City Manager
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FROM: Gregory H. Grayson, Fire and Rescue Chief

SUBJECT: **Status of Fire and Rescue Department Staffing**

The following information is the current status of staffing within the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department, to the best of my knowledge:

Summary of Turnover since July, 2005 (12 calendar months)

Death	1
Retirement	4
Employment Outside Public Safety	1
<u>Employment with other Public Safety Agencies</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Turnover	10 (4.7%)

Current Status of Personnel - Total Authorized Strength 210

Training Academy	10
Military Leave	1
Restricted/Light Duty	3
<u>Vacant Positions</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Firefighters Not Available for Duty Today	14 (7%)

Before August 18, we will graduate the 10 recruit firefighters from the academy. Department authorization will increase to 228 as of January 1, 2007. Another academy is being planned to begin at that time.